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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

A \$20 monthly increase in my Duke Energy bill would devastate me. I exist solely on my SS income and I am currently unable to work. The only way that I am able to have adequate money for food and gas is to keep my Duke bill as low as possible. I am enduring a very uncomfortable winter because of the low setting on my thermostat. My wife stays with her daughter because it is too cold in our house.

Sincerely,
William R. Manning

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